

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are proud to recognize significant events in  
4 the communities of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the City of  
6 Oglesby will celebrate its 100th anniversary in June, 2002;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Oglesby originated with the Kenosha Coal Company  
9 in 1865; prior to its first official form of government and  
10 election of a mayor in 1902, the community was referred to as  
11 Portland or Cement City because of the Marquette Cement  
12 Manufacturing Company and the Lehigh Portland Cement Company;  
13 Oglesby was named in honor of Illinois' Civil War veteran and  
14 first three term governor, Richard J. Oglesby; and

15 WHEREAS, For over 100 years, the companies of Marquette  
16 and Lehigh, joined now with Lone Star Industries, have given  
17 the community its slogan, "Oglesby by name, cement by fame";  
18 together, these companies have produced enough cement to pour  
19 the foundation for the entire State of Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, The Centennial Theme, "We Have Grown From Our  
21 Roots," not only characterizes the ability for a tree to  
22 stand tall, but also symbolizes how the people of Oglesby  
23 stand tall and are proud of their rich historical heritage;  
24 like the cement the city is known for, the people of Oglesby  
25 are strong and durable because Oglesby has been built on a  
26 strong foundation; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
29 we thank the City of Oglesby for its over 100 years of  
30 outstanding civic contributions, and hope that it continues  
31 to provide our State with many more years of valuable

1 service; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the City of Oglesby as an expression of our  
4 esteem.